

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from December 2003

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,538

Current number of adults: 56,835

Current number of children: 138,795

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 18,082

Closures in September:

total closures: 3432

closures for 18 month time limits: 107

closures for sanctions: 484

work-related sanctions: 473

other sanctions: 11

closures for employment: 992

Time limit closures since Families First started: 8,788

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 11,520

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$654.75

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$169.93

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.